



**The Secretary of Energy**  
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**Message from the Secretary to NNSA Employees:**

When I accepted the President's call to service as Secretary of Energy almost two years ago, I pledged to continue the Department's tradition of excellence, to identify opportunities and challenges, and to expect results.

Initiating a new order of things is not always the easiest course of action. The announcement I made yesterday concerning new leadership at the National Nuclear Security Administration was not made in haste. Rather it represents careful consideration and concern for our obligation to serve the President and the American people in all matters, especially those pertaining to our national security. Recent serious management and security issues led to this decision. It is now critical that we move forward and achieve long term results to correct and prevent similar issues in the future.

The President accepted my recommendation and has approved the designation of Tom D'Agostino as Acting Administrator. Most recently, as NNSA's Deputy Administrator for Defense Programs, Tom's highly valued experience has proven to be a critical asset as we continue to transform our nuclear weapons stockpile. He is very familiar with the inner workings of our Labs and I believe he will bring the same brand of steadfast leadership to the Office of the Administrator. I look forward to working with Tom during this transition period until the President has nominated a permanent successor.

As employees of NNSA, you are all well aware of the tremendous significance of what you do - and the pivotal national value of NNSA's mission. During this time of transition, Tom and I - and more importantly, the American people - are counting on you to continue to perform with the same sense of urgency and professionalism for which you have become known.

Linton Brooks is an extremely dedicated and highly skilled public servant. I have appreciated and benefited from his tremendous intellect, vast experience, and wise counsel. I know you join me in wishing him well in all future endeavors, and thank him for his unwavering service to our country.

*Samuel W. Bodman*



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